



Update on progress with Neighbourhood Plan (NP):

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There has been considerable progress with our Neighbourhood Planning since you received the first NP newsletter in June of this year.

- The NP Steering Group has marginally amended the vision for our NP to emphasise the long term sustainability of the parish. I think it reads very well and encompasses what we feel about the area in which we live and how we wish it to develop.

Arne Parish has a unique natural environment formed by past cultural, economic, social, industrial and agricultural practices. While recognising and protecting its heritage, we seek to ensure the long term sustainability and viability of the parish through environmental and economic measures that will develop the community and its charm, so that all its residents, young or old, continue to live in a community where they feel safe, cared for and happy

- Our Steering Group (SG) has met twice since the June newsletter was published. Using the findings from our working groups and with the considerable help of Robert Kenward, and Steve Calver of Bournemouth University, we have been working towards our NP parish survey. 65 questions have been generated from all the working groups: Housing; Business and Employment; Environment; Health; Transport; Crime and Policing; Education, Recreation and Youth. This survey is due to be with you on or around 8th September 2014.
- We are now completing our negotiation with Purbeck District Council (PDC) for a service level agreement (SLA) to provide expert support for the NP process. This SLA will enable a Support Officer, Keith Childs, who by now is very well known to us, to attend SG meetings when requested to ensure that the plan is fit for “pre-submission consultation”. Not least, there will be significant advice on the legal processes to be followed. Our preliminary 65 survey questions will need to be submitted to PDC to ensure their suitability and conformity with regulations.
- However, in spite of the negotiated support from PDC, at our SG meeting on 23rd July, members enthusiastically confirmed that, as a parish council, we should be proactive in setting our own agenda. A Neighbourhood Plan is, after all, for the benefit of the community that it is intended to support.
- A sub group of the SG will be attending a bespoke NP workshop at Westport House, run by PDC, on Thursday 7th August, when it is hoped that our NP implementation plan will be confirmed and our funding will be clarified.

Best wishes

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